

13th Street & Hollins Road Improvements

City of Roanoke

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Fallon Park Elementary School, Roanoke

Welcome to the City of Roanoke and the Virginia Department of Transportation's citizen information meeting on proposed improvements to 13th Street and Hollins Road in Roanoke.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her own behalf or representing a group or governmental agency, to give the City of Roanoke and VDOT comments and/or suggestions on this proposed project.

All comments received will be reviewed by the City of Roanoke and VDOT Personnel. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be considered by the City of Roanoke and VDOT before the project is presented at a public hearing. A comment sheet is included, and your input is encouraged. You may also give spoken comments to a court reporter.

Project Description

The purpose of this proposed project is to provide a major north-south thoroughfare for citizens by more directly connecting 13th Street and Hollins Road. At the request of the Roanoke City Council, VDOT included this project in the Six-Year Improvement plan.

13th Street and Hollins Road are currently designated as urban minor arterial roadways, with a combined estimated traffic volume of 7000 vehicles per day in 2004. Traffic is expected to increase to approximately 11,300 vehicles per day by the design year of 2031.

A majority of 13th Street would be reconstructed as a two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot wide travel lanes. A 16-foot median will run the entire length of the project. Roundabouts are proposed for the intersections at Tazewell and Wise Avenues. A left turn lane would be provided at the intersection with Dale Avenue. At other intersections (Stewart, Church, Kirk and Campbell Avenues) right turns would only be permitted.

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Architectural rendering of 13th Street.

PROJECT INFORMATION

From:
Intersection of 13th Street
and Jamison Avenue

To:
Intersection of Hollins Road
and Orange Avenue

State Project:
U000-128-113, P-102, R-202,
C-502, B-608, B-609

UPC: 688

Federal Project:
STP-5128(201)

Representatives from the City of Roanoke and VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For further information, contact VDOT, Salem District Office of Civil Rights, 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153, or call (540) 387-5320, toll free (800) 611-5812, or TDD 711.

Project Description (continued)

Traffic wishing to make a left turn would need to proceed to the next roundabout and make a U-turn. The purpose for limiting this traffic movement is to reduce the opportunities for collisions (see separate brochure entitled “Roundabouts: VDOT Answers Your Questions”). The design speed for the 13th Street portion of the project is 25 MPH.

Hollins Road and a small portion of 13th Street would be reconstructed as a four-lane roadway of 10.5 and 11.5 foot wide travel lanes. Additional capacity will be added at the intersection of Hollins Road and Orange Avenue (Route 460). The design speed for this portion of the project is 35 MPH. As part of this proposed project, a new bridge would be constructed spanning Lick Run, Norfolk Avenue and the Norfolk-Southern railroad tracks.

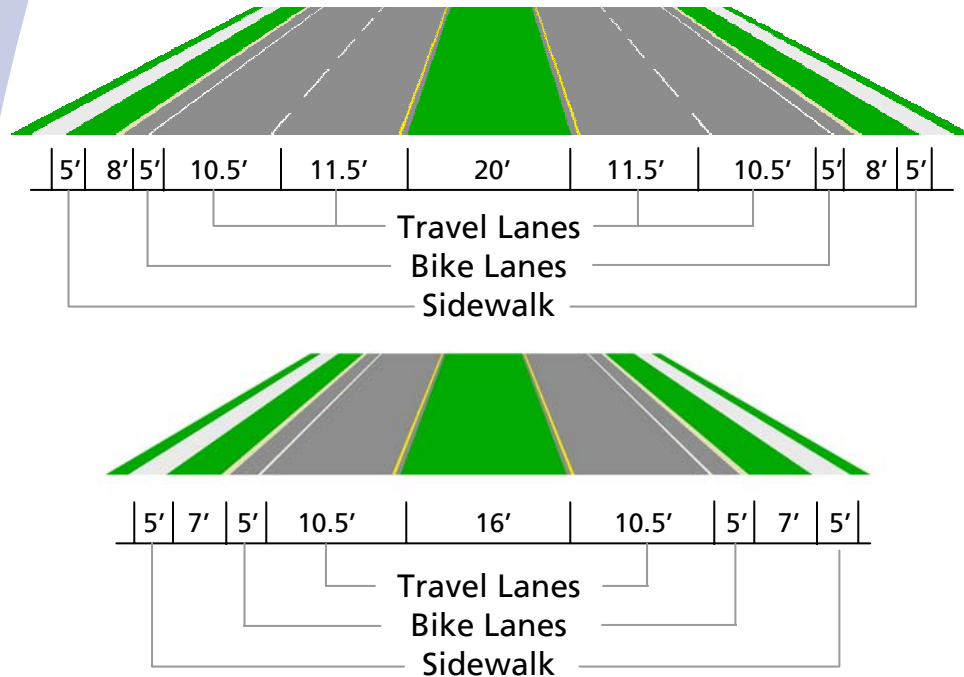
Proposed accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians include dedicated five-foot wide bike lanes and five-foot wide sidewalks for the entire length of the project. Curb and gutter will also be installed for a majority of the project. During construction of this project, it may become necessary to temporarily close the Hollins Road at-grade railroad crossing.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, the Stormwater Regulations and the annual Stormwater Management Standards and Specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Potential impacts to flood plains and wetlands were evaluated. To minimize potential impacts on water quality and comply with regulations, a stormwater management basin is proposed. The basin's location reduces the increases in runoff and pollutants leaving the roadway while minimizing impacts to existing properties.

The proposed basin is located near the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority transfer station on Hollins Road. This project is not expected to generate any negative flood plain impacts.

Typical Roadway Sections



Project Map

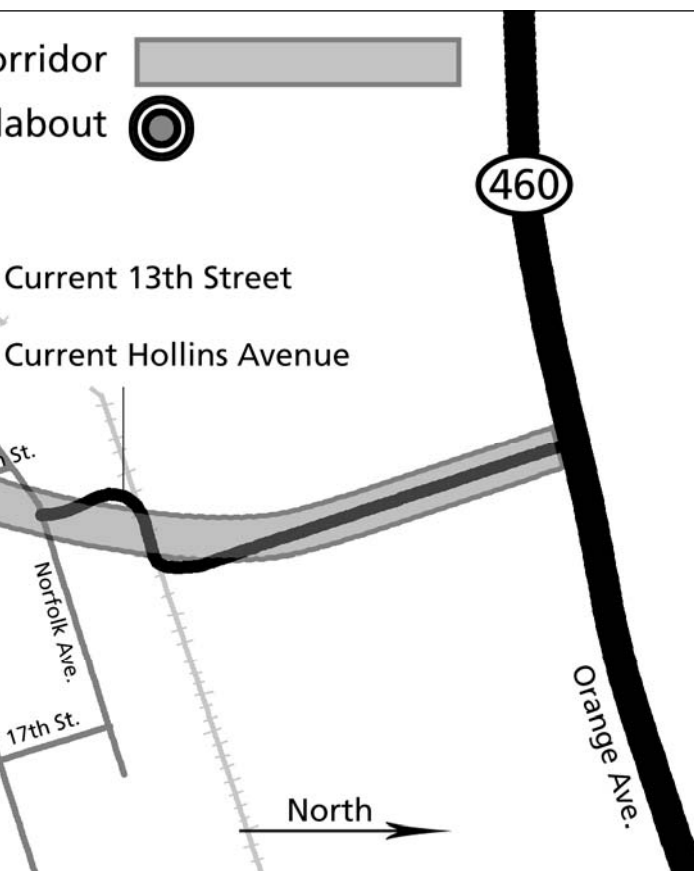


Environmental Review

VDOT's Salem District Environmental Office will review this project to determine potential social, economic and environmental impacts upon the local community and surrounding area. The project will be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Review Process.

A NEPA document (Environmental Assessment) will be prepared for this project in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The environmental document will include information from technical studies such as Noise and Air, Hazardous Materials, Cultural Resource (historic and archaeology), and Water Quality.

The NEPA document and associated technical studies will not be completed at the time of this meeting and therefore, will not be available. The NEPA document and associated studies will be available at the Public Hearing. Representatives of the Environmental Section will be available at the meeting to discuss what studies will be prepared and to answer any questions the public may have at this time.



Right of Way Issues

Plans on display at this meeting show the potential of right of way that may be needed for this project. As currently proposed, 52 parcels of land are affected by the acquisition of right of way and/or easements. 28 families, businesses and non-profit organizations will be displaced or relocated as a result of this project.

Easements may be required for construction of slopes as well as maintenance of drainage facilities. As we further develop and finalize this project, additional easements for maintenance, construction and utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of these easements during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available at the meeting from a VDOT right of way agent and are available online at www.VirginiaDOT.org.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from VDOT, Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Office, 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153, or call (540) 387-5320, toll free (800) 611-5812, or TDD/TTY 711.

Estimated Project Cost

The preliminary estimated cost for the project includes the following:

Preliminary Engineering:	\$1,086,000
Right of Way	\$10,719,800
Construction	\$10,890,000
Total	\$22,695,800

Because this project is in the preliminary design stage, the estimated costs are subject to change.

This project will utilize both state and federal funds.

What's Next?

Ten days after this meeting, the public comment period will close. At that time, Roanoke City and VDOT representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the meeting.

After any adjustments are made, Public Hearing will be scheduled to give citizens an opportunity to again offer comments. The Public Hearing is anticipated to take place in the Summer of 2007.

Acquisition of right of way and relocation of utilities is expected to begin in late 2007. After right of way and easement purchases have been completed, the project will be advertised for construction bids in late 2010.

Once awarded, construction could be completed in approximately 30 months.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public Hearing - Summer 2007

Begin Right of Way Acquisition - Late 2007

Advertisement for Construction - Late 2010

Additional Information

Project information shared here is available for review after the public hearing at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave. in Salem, (540) 387-5320, or at VDOT's Salem Residency Office located at 714 S. Broad St. in Salem, (540) 387-5488.

Written comments and other exhibits related to the proposed project may be submitted in place of or in addition to verbal comments made at the meeting. Such information must be postmarked or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days (on or before May 27, 2006) of today's meeting so they can be considered. Please send written comments to:

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Mr. Richard Caywood, P.E.
Salem District Administrator
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, VA 24153
Telephone: (540) 387-5348
TDD/TTY: 711

Questions concerning VDOT's policy on obtaining right of way should be directed to:

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Please call prior to visiting to assure the availability of staff to assist you.

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